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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of :  
Ijiri, Y. et al. :

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This response is submitted pursuant to the Advisory Action mailed January 14, 2004. Claims 1, 5, 9-12, and 17 are pending in the application. A petition for one month's extension of time is herewith submitted. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejections in view of the following proposed amendments and remarks.